

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

Claims 1 and 11 are amended herein. Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e):

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshikawa et al.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a mirror member between the light source and the light deflector. Present FIG. 2 illustrates these features. In contrast, Yoshikawa et al. discloses a curved mirror 7 between a polygon mirror 5 and a photoconductive drum 8. Yoshikawa et al., FIG. 1. Thus, the curved mirror 7 is not between the polygon mirror 5 and the laser 1 of this reference.

Independent claim 11 recites a mirror being between the light source and the light deflector to reflect the emitted light beam.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshikawa et al.

Claims 19 and 20 depend from independent claim 11, and therefore are patentable over the cited reference for at least the above reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

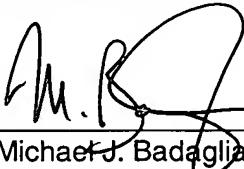
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